

## Church News

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town there is a resident population of over three hundred, few of whom are active members of any church. It will, therefore, be seen that there is here a very important and promising point, the development of which has been largely committed to our hands.

At the urgent request of Mr. Tufts over six months ago, Rev. Frank Hunt, the Synodical evangelist for the Synod of Appalachia, came to Newland on December 9th and began an eight-days' meeting. Never did we know a meeting to start out more auspiciously. Arrangements were made for four services each day—one in the High School at 10 o'clock, one at the saw-mill at the noon hour for men, one in the church at 3 for everybody, and one at night. But within thirty-six hours after the first meeting one of the worst spells of weather that has been felt for a long time set in, so that it was impossible to hold but one service at the mill; but the three other services were held through the week under the most trying conditions. The gospel was preached and sung by Brother Hunt with earnestness and power. At the close of the meeting a large number of professing Christians promised to try to live more like the Master. Three young woman and two young men confessed their faith in Christ and united with the Presbyterian church and one gave her name for the Methodist church. A collection of \$11 was taken up for the Synod's work.

Two immediate and urgent needs are, first, \$100 to pay off the indebtedness against the church (the manse is all paid for); second, a pastor who has energy enough to visit again and again every family and business man in the town; who is spiritually-minded enough to quicken the spiritual life of every one whom he touches; who has enough of the spirit of Paul to endure hardships as a good soldier; who has enough of the spirit of John that he will be willing to decrease in order that Christ might increase, and who will stick to it.

### ARKANSAS.

**Dardanelle:** on the third Sabbath of December Rev. O. G. Davis was installed pastor of this church, Rev. J. P. Robertson, D. D., preaching the sermon and delivering the charges to pastor and people. Rev. Mr. Davis has recently come to us from the ranks of the noble Associate Reformed Presbyterians and has already made a fine start toward building up the church and doing mission work in outlying communities.

**Cotter:** It is a great pleasure to announce that this field is now supplied. The Rev. W. H. McCarroll, of near New Albany, Ind., is now on the field with his family. He comes to us very highly recommended and from a most successful pastorate where he has brought a church from a state of dissolution to an efficient organization. He is taking right hold of the situation and it is believed he is just the man for the character of work needed in this mountain community. It is hoped to develop several strong churches in this needy section using Cotter as a base for the present.

**Des Arc and DeVall's Bluff:** The Rev. C. B. Boyles has been spending the month of December in this field with a view to accepting the pastorate if the way be clear.

**Earle:** The church here has decided to build a manse and call a resident pastor for full time. At present they are having preaching twice a month.

**Conway:** This church has recently put on a successful campaign for raising the money for the building of a

manse. It is hoped to have this building completed in the near future and give the pastor and his family a home of his own. The work is progressing very favorably in all departments.

### KENTUCKY.

**Lexington:** The Rev. Richard T. Gillespie, of Florence, S. C., has accepted a call to the pastorate of Maxwell church, according to an announcement made to the congregation December 23d. A unanimous call was extended to him a week ago. He will take up his work here probably January 15th.

**Covington, Madison Avenue, Rev. I. Cochrane Hunt, pastor:** The third Sunday in December marked the end of the second year of the present pastorate. An unusually large congregation greeted the pastor at the morning service to hear a message appropriate to the occasion. Four additional members were received by the session just before the hour of service, making a total of eighty-seven during the two years just closing. The contributions to all causes have increased over 50 per cent and the organization of the church is greatly developed. Announcement of plans for advance work will be made by the officers on the first Sunday in January. The church is united, harmonious and eager for a yet greater service. The pastor has fully recovered from his serious illness of the past summer and is anticipating a third year of effective service with this splendid and considerate people. The Sunday-school, under the leadership of Mr. F. D. Van Winkle, the superintendent, is doing an excellent work. It unanimously undertook a "White Gifts for the King" Christmas entertainment, in which poor children of the city, orphanages, war sufferers and others were remembered. Cor.

### LOUISIANA.

**New Orleans—Westwego:** The children of the Sunday-school had their Christmas tree on the night after Christmas. The church was well filled with people. The tree was beautiful and bright with many candles burning. Appropriate hymns were sung. Mr. Goodell, a Methodist preacher who has preached for us many times during the past year or more, read the Scriptures and spoke about the meaning of Christmas. Nineteen children recited short Christmas pieces. The children were then given their rewards and presents. Some receiving Cross and Crown pins for regular attendance. Each one was given a toy or some other present and a box of candy by Santa Claus. The school is well attended by the children of every Protestant family and a few Catholics. The church, which has a large membership for so small a place, was well attended up to about two years ago. The attendance is low now, but with proper and careful management it can be made to grow.

Thomas Hayes.

### MISSISSIPPI.

**Meridian, First Church:** The third anniversary in Dr. Scanlon's pastorate of this church has just taken place. During these three years the work has moved forward with gratifying results. There have been 135 persons received into the communion of the church on profession of faith and 200 persons by letter, making a total of 335 members. The Sabbath-school has been completely graded, Baraca and Philathea classes organized, also a Covenantant Company and Westminster Guild, together with a Get-together Club for men. All departments of the church life are well organized and the church is entering larger avenues of activity each year.

The membership has passed the 700 mark.

**McComb:** The people of this church have been more lavish than ever in their remembrances of their pastor and his family during the Christmas. The tokens of their esteem have been many and precious and no member of the manse has been overlooked. This is a happy way, as many of the givers expressed it, that the church had of showing their appreciation of their pastor's decision to decline the call of the Synod of Mississippi to become their superintendent of Home Missions and remain with this church, where he has been pastor for six years. This church has also made a very large gift to the Endowment Fund for Aged Ministers, which was made at this time, and comes as fitting Christmas present to Jesus. The McComb church enters the new year with brighter hopes than ever. The church is now building a chapel in North McComb, so as to serve the people in that section of the town, where there is already in operation a fine Sunday-school. As is our custom, we begin the new year with a week of prayer and the annual roll-call of all our members, which is followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**The Synod of Mississippi:** The Synod, through its Home Mission Committee, has launched a plan of putting several evangelists and Sunday-school workers in the field, and already has secured a valuable man in the person of Rev. C. L. Power, who will begin his work with us the 15th of January next. His first work will be in Meridian Presbytery, and in fact he has been assigned as his special field the coast country, where there are splendid opportunities for our Church in that rapidly developing section. We are expecting big developments for the Presbyterian Church under his efficient leadership and the valuable assistance of the pastors in that part of the Synod. We are making plans for another man to begin work at an early date in the Delta country, where there are equally inviting fields for our Church. This is the second step in our progress, and the third will follow in quick succession. God is leading the way for great advancement of our Church in Mississippi, and we also have faith in the splendid membership of our Church that they will follow and sustain the work as their representatives are planning and executing it. With such co-operation there is a great day just ahead for the Synod of Mississippi.

B. C. Bell,

Chairman of Home Missions.

**Meridian, Fourth Church:** The ladies of this church gave their pastor, H. M. Jenkins, and his family, a shower of good things to eat the day before Thanksgiving. The members often divide their good things with their pastor. We feel very grateful for these kindnesses and very appreciative of their hearty co-operation in the church work.

Rev. H. M. Jenkins has been employed to conduct occasional services at the East Mississippi Insane Hospital. He preaches to about 250 patients and a number of attendants. Many of the patients seem to appreciate the services very much.

**Lauderdale:** This church sent its pastor, H. M. Jenkins, and his family, a large box of good things to eat for Christmas. This, together with the church's constant loyalty to their pastor, makes us feel very grateful to the people we serve and that the "lines have fallen to us in pleasant places."

### MISSOURI.

**Jackson:** Our Sunday-school used the "White Gifts for the King" ser-

vice this year, rendering it on the night of December 24th before a large and appreciative congregation. The program was well carried out, with appropriate decorations and illuminations. The cards turned in to the pastor show many forms of definite service promised to the great King, chief of which comes the supreme gift of self made by three boys. Provision for the poor was brought, and money to the amount of more than \$50; the larger part of this will go to the Elmwood Home for Children at Farmington, the remainder being divided, according to instructions, among the other benevolent works of our church. A class of boys gave \$10 to help in the education of a young man to preach the gospel. The general effect of the service was very helpful. The children of the school were given a social evening in the basement of the church Tuesday evening of Christmas week.

Lynn F. Ross, Pastor.

**Potosi Presbytery Conference:** The Conference on Stewardship for this Presbytery will be held at Cape Girardeau, January 25-26th. It is hoped that every church will be represented and that prior to the meeting our people will be much in prayer for the presence and guidance of the Spirit in all the deliberations of the meeting. Inquiries as to program, etc., should be addressed to the Presbyterial chairman, Lynn F. Ross, at Jackson, Mo.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Cannonville:** The Christmas entertainment, which was rendered by the Sunday-school Monday night, December 25th, was quite a success. It was much enjoyed by all. There were 300 or more present. Since Rev. W. L. Latham came to us as pastor a month ago, there have been five additions to the church, and much interest in all the services.

**The Presbytery of Mecklenburg** met on the call of the moderator in the Second Presbyterian church, Charlotte, N. C., Tuesday, December 19th, at 2 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the moderator, Rev. C. W. McCully. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Crane. There were twenty-one ministers and four elders present.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. J. Crane and the Marshville church was dissolved, to take effect January 1, 1917, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Albemarle, where he has been chosen superintendent of Home Missions and evangelist of that Presbytery. He will make his future home in Tarboro, N. C. Mr. Crane also presented his resignation as stated clerk, which was accepted, and the permanent clerk, the Rev. John E. Wool, was appointed to discharge the duties of stated clerk until the regular spring meeting, when a stated clerk will be elected.

The Presbytery unanimously approved, by a rising vote, the Synod's plan of education to raise \$1,350,000 for the educational institutions in the Synod.

After prayer by the Rev. H. M. Pressly, Presbytery adjourned.

John E. Wool, Perm. Clerk.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Greenville, Second:** The Christmas pageant, "White Gifts for the King," was presented with effectiveness and grace by the Sunday-school on the night of the 24th of December, and gifts amounting to \$165 were offered, being \$115 in money for the Ministerial Relief Fund and \$50 worth of flour, canned goods, flowers, fruits, etc., for the needy. The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday-school presented a bed to the City Hospital to be used for sick children, and bedding was furnished by one of the

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